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Docket No. : 225/50818  
Customer No. : 23911

Title : DIAGNOSTIC METHOD AND DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM FOR  
MONITORING THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN A  
PRODUCTION PROCESS

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 17, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Reply dated February 16, 2005  
Response to Office Action dated November 17, 2004

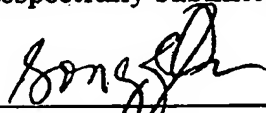
In view of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-16 are not anticipated by Sohner.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.50818US).

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